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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: APPLICATION OF HERZINGER ET AL. TITLED "METHODOLOGY FOR
IMPROVING PRECISION OF DATA ACQUIRED BY SPECTROPHOTOMETER
SYSTEMS";
SERIAL NO. 09/862,881;
FILE DATE: 08/09/2001;
ART UNIT: 2851;
EXAMINER: MATHEWS, A.

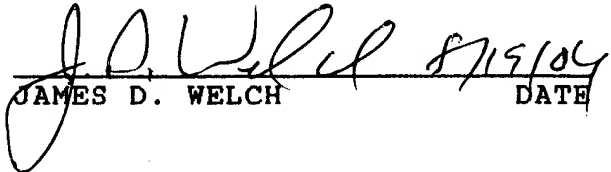
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of an Office Action dated 08/11/04 regarding the identified Application. The Examiner has Allowed Claims 3-9, 12-15, 18-21, 27-38, 44, 47-49 and 51-54, Rejected Claims 1, 2, 24-26, 39-43, 45, 46 and 50, and Objected to Claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 39-41. All Rejections and Objections are based in Formalities, and the Examiner has indicated all Claims can be Allowed upon tending to correction thereof.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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